

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**Environmental Barriers/Accessibility****A. Generally**

It is the desire of the Stafford County School Board that the facilities of the division be made accessible and usable by qualified individuals with a disability in accordance with state and federal regulations.

B. Existing Facilities

The superintendent is directed to survey existing facilities and make such reports and recommendations that will accomplish the following:

1. Identify physical obstacles in the division's facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs and activities to qualified individuals with a disability;
2. Describe the methods that will be used to make the facilities accessible;
3. Specify the schedule for taking the steps necessary to achieve full program accessibility; and
4. Provide a cost estimate.

C. New Construction

The design, construction, addition or alteration of facilities and sites shall be accomplished in conformance with "Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines" (ADA-AG) adopted into the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1997

U. S. Department of Justice, Americans with Disabilities Act - 1992, Public Law 101-336, 28 CFR Part 35, Subtitle A, Title II -- Nondiscrimination of the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services.

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U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.
Regulation, Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29
U.S.C. 706, Part 6 84 -- Nondiscrimination on the Basis of
Handicap in Federally Assisted Programs.

Code of Va., §22.1-138. Minimum standards for public school buildings. -- "A. The Board of Education shall prescribe by regulation minimum standards for the erection of or addition to public school buildings governing instructional, operational, health and maintenance facilities where these are not specifically addressed in the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

B. By July 1, 1994, every school building in operation in the Commonwealth shall be tested for radon pursuant to procedures established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for radon measurements in schools.

School buildings and additions opened for operation after July 1, 1994, shall be tested for radon pursuant to such EPA procedures and regulations prescribed by the Board of Education pursuant to subsection A of this section. Each school shall maintain files of its radon test results and make such files available for review. The division superintendent shall report radon test results to the Department of Health. (1980, c. 559; 1993, c. 765.)

Code of Va., §22.1-140. Plans for buildings to be approved by division superintendent. -- "No public school building or addition or alteration thereto, for either permanent or temporary use, shall be advertised for bid, contracted for, erected, or otherwise acquired until the plans and specifications therefor have been approved in writing by the division superintendent and are accompanied by a statement by an architect or professional engineer licensed by the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Landscape Architects that such plans and specifications are, in his professional opinion and belief, in compliance with the regulations of the Board of Education and the Uniform Statewide Building Code. The division superintendent's approval, architect's or

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engineer's statement, and a copy of the final plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Code 1950, §§22-97, 22-152, 22-153; 1954, cc. 257, 291; 1959, Ex. Sess., c. 79, .1; 1968, c. 501; 1971, Ex. Sess., c. 161; 1975, cc. 308, 328; 1978, c. 430; 1980, c. 559; 1991, c. 550; 1993, c. 227.)

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